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Ald. Bob Donovan  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Alderman Donovan renews call to abandon misguided pursuit policy**

In response to news reports that criminals are exploiting the city's vehicular non-pursuit policy to the benefit of their drug dealing operations, **Milwaukee Alderman Bob Donovan** will hold a **news conference today** and renew his calls for the Mayor, the Police Chief and the Fire and Police Commission to repeal the policy. Alderman Donovan will be joined by **Alderman Mark A. Borkowski** and others.

"It's like I've said from day one," Alderman Donovan said. "This policy emboldens criminals, empowers them to conduct their operations without fear of consequences and creates an unsafe community."

Alderman Donovan noted the conclusions highlighted in a Journal Sentinel article that local gangs like the Big Money Addicts "have adjusted their techniques to take advantage of Milwaukee police policies and advance their illicit operation, in the process contributing to the surging number of shootings and other violence in the city."

The article continued, "Members of the outfit are aware of the Milwaukee Police Department's limits on vehicle pursuits and are exploiting that policy to reap huge profits, a practice detailed in a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigation. The complaint, filed in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, connects the increase in heroin sales with a spike in shootings and other violent crime in the city."

**What:** News conference  
**When:** 1:30 p.m. on December 15, 2015  
**Where:** Alderman Donovan's Office  
Second floor council offices, 200 E. Wells St.

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